

# Special Olympics truck convoy planned for next weekend

The Northwest Kansas Truck Convoy for Special Olympics will roll the weekend of Sept. 9 & 10, with starting locations in Goodland and Oakley.

The convoy will roll into the Thomas County Fairgrounds in Colby at noon on Saturday, September 10.

Events on Friday will jump start the weekend activities. A community free-will spaghetti supper will be served at the Thomas County Fairgrounds starting at 5:30 p.m. mountain time. Entertainment by "The Keys Truckers" will start at 6:30 and Taz's Fireworks will create a finale for the evening. You can register to win a Lil' Tex Trager Grill, a 50 pound beef bundle or

three 25-pound beef bundles.

On Saturday, the East Leg of the convoy will leave Mitten's TA Travel Plaza in Oakley at 10:00 a.m. central time while the West Leg will depart from Wilken's Truck and Trailer in Goodland at 8:45 a.m. mountain time.

The two routes will meet in Colby, form a parade, travel through downtown and head for the Thomas County Fairgrounds for lunch and awards. A minimum donation of \$100, a valid driver's license and proof of insurance are required to participate. Walk up registrations at both locations are welcome!

For additional information about the Friday Night Activities or Truck Convoy, contact any of the commit-

tee members: Joe and Jane Mentlick (785) 443-1682, Tom Sloan (785) 675-8540, Jack Collins (785) 675-8375, Daryl Goetz (785) 673-4336, Mike Pipelow (620) 874-4177 and John Hinger (785) 899-5454.

Complete event details and specifics about the Truck Convoy are at [www.kssso.org/events](http://www.kssso.org/events).

All event proceeds will benefit athletes of Special Olympics Kansas. Special Olympics is year-round programs of health and wellness for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Southwest Dairy Farmers Association and Sam's Clubs are Guardian of the Flame Sponsors of the Truck Convoy.

# Senator: I'm fighting regulations

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patient. He said doctors say they are spending 47 percent doing paperwork or signing off on paperwork.

"People are tired of this," he said, "and I think the President is getting the message."

This is just killing us there were 56,600 pages in the federal register this year. It used to get asked if I had read the bill. Then it was have you seen the regulations. Now it is are you aware of the regulations.

Despite the talk of doom and gloom Sen. Roberts said he feels the best days for the country are not behind us.

He said it was true there is lots of things that have not been accomplished and that frustrates him and he knows people are upset about the regulations.

"We have been through tough times," he said. "We came through Vietnam and with the Nixon resignation and Watergate - we have come through tough times - I remember the impeachment with Clinton and the Iran Contra and Reagan."

He said the change in Washington is changing the direction of the ship of state, and that is what this is all about - I say bring it on and we will get it done.

"You can't be a pessimist if you are a farmer," he said, "you wouldn't put seed in the ground unless you have faith."



Roberts

Mike Callicrate was the first to speak up from the audience and said he was with the senator on the regulation stuff. He said the whole program is a failure and the inspectors are out to find anything to justify their job.

He said the EPA had cited his operation on four things, and if he doesn't find a way to do this in the next two weeks they will start fining him.

"I am requesting some help from your office," he said. "I think a lot of people in ag need want a

fair market, a competitive market, I think we need to get a chance to get the best."

Sen. Roberts said Callicrate was dead on about the regulations. He said there is a new breed in the departments and they are agenda driven to get gold stars for who they can write up.

He said it was a problem that the EPA can go around Congress and they are even going around the president.

Roberts was asked about the gang of 12, and if the senate can veto what they bring down.

"I know seven of the 12 very well," Roberts said. "I know the other four, and will talk to them. I had a good discussion with Vice President Joe Biden and said taking away all the farm programs is not going to make a bit difference in the debt problem.

"I will be tugging on coat tails when I get back to Washington."

Gerald Franklin asked about the oil sand pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Roberts said he hopes they approve it, and this administration seems to be against fossil fuels. I agree we need to use everything.

"We are not drilling in the Gulf," he said, "and now a fracking problem. The Cost of energy is going down, but not with anything we are doing."

Mike Schultz of Brewster said he felt he was the most disgruntled Republican in the country.

He said the World Trade Organization do not have people who are giving the U.S. the world.

"In the foreign markets the people only make about \$1,200 a year," he said. "The world market has no money. We are the best market. I am going to stand by the American Country of Origin Labeling.

"I think we need to take care of our own market. I am not going to sit here and say you have done a good job. I think some of the people you have been listening to are giving you bad information.

"We need to get this back to the local government. We need to make them start over this has gotten too big."

Roberts said he has talked to the trade officials about the WTO.

"I have been vocal and I have tried to get that straightened out," he said.

# Goodland Rotary hears museum plans

Goodland Rotary Club met on Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College and heard a program from the High Plains Museum director about her history and future plans for the museum.

Club President Marty Melia welcomed 20 members and two guests to the meeting. He gave a recap of District Gov. Keith Hooper's official visit to the club last week and a summary of the action taken at the monthly board meeting held in conjunction with Gov. Hooper's visit.

Melia reported the board had approved a request from the Sharon Spring Rotary to help sponsor a ShelterBox. A ShelterBox contains a tent and survival equipment sufficient to help 10 people survive after a natural disaster such as the earthquake that hit Haiti. Goodland Rotary sponsors one ShelterBox annually and will provide one third funding for another to help the Sharon Springs club.

Rotarian of the day was Karen Anderson, curator of the High Plains Museum, the Goodland museum. She spoke about her background,

her education and shared some thoughts and plans for improving the High Plains Museum with the intent to preserve and display the history of Sherman County.

She introduced her guests, friends from graduate school and museum professionals. The guests were Carla Shelton, collection manager at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, and Daniel Zies, curatorial assistant, textiles and ethnology division, Museum of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Rotary International continues to fund PolioPlus towards the eradication of Polio from the face of the world. The goal is in sight with only four countries reporting a few cases in extremely remote regions of third world countries. Since 1985 Rotary International has raised more than \$1 billion through its members and corporate donors toward the eradication of Polio.

Drawing winner John Golden turned the money over to Anderson as a donation to the High Plains Museum.

Goodland Rotary meets every

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